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CHUNGKING HOPES Agreements At P.C.C. Meeting

CHUNGKING, JAN. 30. AFTER 10 DAYS OF HOPES, DISAPPOINTMENTS AND TENSION, OPTIMISM OVER CHINA'S CHANCES OF AN ERA OF PEACE, UNITY AND RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN FORTIFIED BY THE LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE. ONLY ONE MAJOR ISSUE—THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS IN THE EXECUTIVE YUAN, CHINA'S CABINET, WAS STILL UNSOLVED LAST NIGHT AND ANOTHER, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN AN ATTEMPT TO BREAK THE STALEMATE.

H.K. Service

New York, Jan. 30. The resumption of a regular steamship service of the American and Manchurian-Euroamerica and Bucknall Steamship Co. Ltd. to the Philippines, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and the Siam Settlement has been announced. The S.S. Fort Rehance is to sail for Singapore at the end of January and the City of Adelaide for Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila.—Associated Press.

PIRATES FOILED

A DARING BUT UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT AT PIRACY WAS MADE ON THE MOTOR JUNK "TAI HING" ABOUT AN HOUR'S JOURNEY FROM MACAO ON JAN. 26, SHORTLY AFTER 2 P.M., AS SHE WAS ON HER WAY FROM HONG KONG TO KONG-MOON.

Four pirate boats manned by about 50 pirates tried to intercept the "Tai Hing" and they were assisted by accomplices on shore who opened machine gun fire on the junk. Fortunately, the crew of the "Tai Hing" were on the alert, and they returned the fire at close range. The pirates were unable to board her, and after an exchange of fire lasting half an hour, the pirates gave up the attempt.

Three of the passengers on the "Tai Hing" were wounded by gunfire, but the injuries were not serious.

The "Tai Hing" reached Kongsan on schedule at 6 p.m., and returned to Hong Kong on Jan. 28, still bearing many bullet marks on her hull.

The "Tai Hing" left Hong Kong on Jan. 26 with about 60 passengers and a crew of 24.

Peace Prospects Brighter

Chungking, Jan. 30. With the activities at Peiping of the Executive Headquarters of the Political Party Conference—responsible for the enforcement of the "cease-fire" order—going on in high gear prospects of peace throughout China are getting brighter daily.

All armed clashes have stopped in northern Shansi, southern Hopei, southern Chahar and southern Suiyuan, according to the sixth communiqué from Peiping. Repair work on railways, bridges and tele-communications is under way and order is rapidly overtaking chaos in many other sections.

The Communists have reported that communications between south-east Shansi, south Hopei and north Honan have been restored after eight years of enemy blockade.

The situation in the north is becoming more and more peaceful. The Communists are now reported to be negotiating with the National Government for a general armistice.

Hearing The Sun

Sydney, Jan. 30. A Government scientist yesterday reported that radio-physic experiments using radar equipment recorded in Sydney the "glow" of waves generated on the surface of the interior of the sun. The scientist said he believed it was Australia's first record of the sun's glow.

He said, "The life of every person on earth later may be affected materially as a result" but did not elaborate on his statement.—Associated Press.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES A WARNING

IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMONSTRATION AFTER LAST SUNDAY'S FOOTBALL MATCH AT CAUSEWAY BAY, THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE YESTERDAY THROUGH THE PRESS RELATIONS OFFICE.

"The Administration will not allow law-abiding citizens of Hong Kong to be inconvenienced by the activities of a mischief-making minority. The public are reminded that the Colony is under Military Administration and the authorities are prepared to take all measures deemed necessary to maintain public order."

Mr. F. C. Gimson's New Post

LONDON, JAN. 30. BRITAIN'S COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. GEORGE HALL, YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CANADA AND SON OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, RAMSAY MACDONALD, HAS BEEN SELECTED AS GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF MALAYA AND SINGAPORE UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE SET-UP.

Mr. Hall said the appointment awaited only Parliament's approval of the new plan by which Singapore will become a separate colony and the nine states in the Malay peninsula with Penang and Malacca incorporated into the Malayan Union.

Simultaneous with the appointment of Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Hall said the Government also would choose Sir Edward Gent, Assistant Under-Secretary of State in the Colonial Office, as Governor of the Malayan Union, and Mr. F. C. Gimson, Colonial Secretary at Hong Kong, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Singapore.

Mr. Macdonald, 44, resigned as Minister of Health in 1941 to accept the Canadian post. His five year term in that position expires in April.

He was formerly Dominions Secretary and was leader of the Labour Party in Parliament after the death of his father.—Associated Press.

Mr. Gimson, 44, resigned as Director of the Pacific War and was interned at Stanley for the past few years.

A ROOSEVELT IN LADIES' STORE

Los Angeles, Jan. 30. John Roosevelt, youngest son of the late President, is going to be a ladies' ready-to-wear clothing store executive.

Mr. Lee Good, Pacific Coast District Manager of Grayson's Store, said Roosevelt had joined the organization because he was interested in the retail business.

PEER'S WARNING ON MINORITIES IN MALAYA

The Weather

To-day's forecast:—Moist, east winds, cloudy with some drizzle, outlook general improvement.
Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum:—64 degrees at 2 p.m.
Minimum:—61.5 degrees at 8 p.m.

LONDON, JAN. 30. THERE WAS DANGER THAT MALAYA AND SINGAPORE MIGHT BECOME A DOMINION OF THE CHINESE EMPIRE INSTEAD OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, DECLARED THE CONSERVATIVE PEER VISCOUNT ELIBANK, IN THE DEBATE ON THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS (REPEAL) BILL, WHICH WAS READ FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS TODAY.

SPEAKING OF THE MINORITIES IN MALAYA, VISCOUNT ELIBANK SAID THAT 75 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OF SINGAPORE WAS CHINESE. "UNLESS WE ARE CAREFUL WE SHALL HAND OVER MALAYA AND SINGAPORE TO THE CHINESE," HE SAID.

"We cannot ignore the fact that there is a very powerful cult in China to make the East for Chinese. Only last week 5,000 students walked through Chungking shouting 'We want Hong Kong.' If we are not careful, the next cry will be 'We want Malaya.'"

Viscount Addison, Dominion Secretary, replied that the Government was fully aware of the safeguards needed by Malaya and was exceedingly sympathetic but it had also to recognise the rights and privileges of other workers and residents there.

Viscount Macmillan asked if it was proposed that Japanese shall take citizenship under the Malayan constitution. If so, he said, there would be very strong opposition.

REFORMS NEEDED
Viscount Addison replied that he had not had that question put to him before but he would enquire into it.

Lord Macmillan: "I understand that there was a recent decision whereby the Japanese would not be tolerated any more in the Malay States."

Viscount Addison: "I sincerely hope that may be so."

Viscount Cranborne, leader of the Conservatives in the House of Lords, said that prosperity in Malaya was of the utmost importance not only to Britain but to the world. Reforms were needed and any scheme adopted would have the fullest chance of success.

The Bill gives effect to the Government proposals that the Straits Settlements, Federated Malay States and non-federated Malay States should be united in one state, to be known as the Malayan Union, except for Singapore.—Reuter.

Girl's Jump From Hotel Verandah

A large crowd congregated outside the Nam Ping Hotel, Des Voeux Road—Central, at about 4.45 p.m. yesterday where a pretty young Chinese girl was lying in a pool of blood outside the Hotel.

The girl, who was about 29 years old and well-dressed, jumped from the third floor of the Hotel shortly after she had booked a room.

She was rushed to Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition, with injuries to both legs and head.

According to the room boy the girl registered at 4.30 as Lam, from Macao. She insisted on a room with verandah.

BOMB 12 FT. DOWN

The Chungking Arcades remained closed to traffic yesterday and will remain closed today while operations continue to remove the unexploded bomb embedded deep underground in one of the houses at the end of the Arcade.

The bomb is a left-over from one of many raids carried out by American aircraft on the Kowloon peninsula in the last months of the Japanese occupation. Mine-detecting apparatus located it at a depth of 12 feet underground and the delicate job of teaching and removing it, consequently, is a long and difficult one.

SPORE TRANSPORT PARALYSED

Singapore, Jan. 30. The general strike called by the Malayan Communist Party protesting against the alleged arrest of Union leaders paralysed civilian transportation facilities today. Many shops have been closed as a result. Rickshaws, taxis and trucks carrying passengers were stopped by strike demonstrators.

Communist Party leaders state that labour leaders have been arrested at Kuala Lumpur, Johore and Perak.—Associated Press.

TRAIN COLLISION

Singapore, Jan. 30. A collision between a passenger train and a goods train occurred at the junction of the main line and the branch line to the airport today.

Fascinating

Los Angeles, Jan. 30. Australian actress Ann Richards, selecting ten American men who find as "most fascinating" includes General MacArthur "because his aid to Australia in its darkest hours inspired my countrymen."

She also chooses General Joseph Stilwell "because he sticks to his guns in the face of political adversity."—Associated Press.

DEV. JUST LOVES BRITAIN

WATERFORD, JAN. 30. PRIME MINISTER DE VALERA LOVES ENGLAND. SPEAKING HERE LAST NIGHT WHEN THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY WAS CONFERRED ON HIM, HE WARNED THE PEOPLE THAT THEY WOULD BE WRONG TO THINK THAT EIRE HATED BRITAIN. HIS OWN ATTITUDE, HE SAID, WAS ONE OF LOVE.

"When we were struggling against Britain, it was always suggested that our actions were prompted by hatred of that country. I have never known in my heart, even at the hardest times when we should naturally feel most bitter sentiments against Britain, such a thing as hatred but I have had instead love which I believe is still a much greater force," Mr. de Valera said.

"All we wanted was to establish a foundation in which we could live side by side together as good friends. That is my position today—as it was 30 years ago. Once the rights of the Irish nation are recognised and established then we recognise that with Britain as our nearest neighbour, there are many things we have in common and we are prepared to co-operate with Britain in things in which we should co-operate."

"If Britain wants co-operation on that basis she can have it gladly."—Reuter.

ONE-LB. BABY
WILL LIVE

HOLLYWOOD, JAN. 30. A BABY GIRL WHO WAS GIVEN ONLY ONE CHANCE IN 50,000 TO LIVE WHEN SHE WAS BORN THREE MONTHS PREMATURELY SEVEN WEEKS AGO WILL PROBABLY SURVIVE, HER PHYSICIAN FATHER SAID YESTERDAY.

She weighed only about one pound at birth. She was placed immediately in a special incubator under constant temperature and humidity with a continuous flow of oxygen. The baby's twin which weighed about 1-1/2 pounds died three hours after birth.

The father declined to permit the use of his name.—Associated Press.

EUROPEANS IN AUSTIN ROAD ROBBERY

No arrests have as yet been effected, it was learned last night in connection with an armed robbery reported by the inmates of a flat at 130, Austin Road.

The robbery, it was reported to the Police, was carried out about 10.55 p.m. on Tuesday. It is alleged that the intruders, numbering five, three of them armed with automatic pistols, were Europeans in service uniform.

"They are alleged to have robbed the inmates of the flat of gold watches, a diamond ring, and \$170 in notes."

SHIRLEY'S HUSBAND
DISCHARGED

Fort Douglas, Utah, Jan. 30. Sergeant John A. Smith, training at Fort Douglas, Utah, was discharged today after being found guilty of the murder of Shirley Smith, his wife.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, who was found dead in her room at the Fort Douglas Hotel.

He was arrested on Jan. 28, after a search of his room revealed the body of his wife.

He was charged with the murder of his wife and was held in the Fort Douglas Hotel.

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U.N.O.'S. NEW KEY-MAN

Secretary-General A Carpenter's Son

Cheaper U.S. Press Rates

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. NEW REDUCED CABLE RATES FROM AMERICA TO PARTS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, BEGINNING IN APRIL AT THE LATEST, ARE EXPECTED TO IMPROVE TRADE AND GIVE NEWS PAPER AND RADIO AN OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY MORE NEWS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

Both governments are expected shortly to ratify the rates agreed on when America and the British Commonwealth met in Bermuda last November.

At the most, thirty cents a word from any point in the United States to any point in the British Commonwealth; press matter at 6 cents a word.

Compared with the new rate of three dollars for a ten-word message here are some of the old rates: \$7.10 to Arabia; \$8.90 to Malay States; \$5.00 to South Africa; \$5.80 to Australia; \$7.50 to Hongkong; \$6.20 to Solomon Islands; \$3.60 to Gibraltar.

A hundred-word press story is said to cost \$6.50 to any place in the Commonwealth with previous rates: \$16.00 to Hongkong; \$12.50 to South Africa; \$9.00 to Melbourne.

The Bermuda conference also agreed on more direct circuits and the United States will have one circuit each to Australia, New Zealand and India and two to Bermuda. New circuits may be opened soon for Jamaica and Palestine. Ceylon, the Malay States and Hong Kong will be considered if business is good enough. While private companies such as news agencies may set up stations for traffic between America, Canada and the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and the colonies will not permit such private reception. — Associated Press.

FUKUHARA TRIAL OPENS

Yokohama, Jan. 29. Captain Isamu Fukuoka pleaded innocent at the start of his war crimes trial today, as the prosecution told the United States Military Commission that actions of the stern-faced commandant of Omura prison camp "will prove to be the blackest picture this court will listen to."

The trial barely got underway for Fukuoka, whom prisoners called "Bumsho Dona" and "The Ferret" before the prosecution submitted an affidavit which accused him of responsibility for the death of Corporal Walter Ray Johnson.

The affidavit said that Johnson was beaten on three consecutive days under orders from Fukuoka who participated in the beatings and on April 4, 1945, at 2.30 a.m. cries were heard coming from the guardhouse and later the American leader was told that Johnson was dead.

Fukuoka succeeded Lieutenant Kei Yori as Commander of the Omura 17B camp at Fukuoka. Yori was condemned to death as a war criminal. — Associated Press.

U.S. TO CLEAR OUT

Washington, Jan. 29. The United States War Secretary, Mr. Robert Patterson, stated today that the United States Army may be evacuated from India, Burma and the Middle East area before June 30.

He pointed out that the existing schedule calls for the depletion of American forces in India and Burma from 60,000 at the beginning of the year to 4,000 by the end of June and the United States forces in the Middle East from 18,000 at the beginning of the year to 5,000 by June 30.

Mr. Patterson added: "However, the situation is being reviewed and a decision will soon be set for closing down of India, Burma and the Middle East within a few months—possibly even before June 30." — Reuters.

INDIA'S PROBLEM

Bombay, Jan. 29. Economic conditions of India are the most serious problem and the most urgent, according to the Indian leaders, who are expected to meet here today to discuss the future of the country.

The blockade is expected to continue until the mines are swept or become inoperative.

The Navy did not say how long this might take. — Associated Press.

Talents As An Arbitrator

LONDON, Jan. 30. MR. TRYGVE LIE, WHO WAS NOMINATED SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION ON TUESDAY NIGHT, IS A STOCKY, 50-YEAR OLD NORWEGIAN LABOUR LAWYER WITH A DISLIKE FOR HANDLING DETAILS AND A RECOGNISED TALENT FOR NEGOTIATING.

LIE, SON OF A CARPENTER, HAD NO BACKGROUND IN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY WHEN HE BECAME NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1941, BUT THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER HE HAS SHOWN WHAT HE CALLS AN "IMPASSIONED" INTEREST IN NORWEGIAN POLITICS AND LABOUR LAW.

AND NORWAY KNOWS HE IS A GOOD HAND IN BRINGING DISPUTING PARTIES TO AN AGREEMENT.

Florida-faced and intensely energetic, with coal-black curly hair, Lie still devotes many leisure hours to skiing and playing tennis and has a hearty love for good food, good wine, good conversation and a good joke. He works long and hard but his friends say he seems never to tire or to lose his knack of inspiring colleagues and co-workers.

Lie was born in Oslo in 1896. He entered the University of Oslo in 1914 and completed his legal training in 1919. That year he got his first job as Secretary-General. It was for the Norwegian Labour Party. He kept the office until 1922 when he was appointed legal adviser to the Norwegian Trade Union's Federation.

LAST TO LEAVE

He became Minister of Trade, Shipping and Industry. He was one of the last of the Norwegian Ministers to leave Oslo before the Germans entered in 1940.

Lie then was in charge of the supplies for the Norwegian army and civil population. Escaping northwards through Norway he conferred with a small staff of experts in a remote country hotel and made the decision to requisition the whole Norwegian merchant fleet, 4,000,000 tons and placed it at the disposal of the allies.

After flying to England he worked with the Norwegian exile government and took over from Halvdan Koht in 1941 as Foreign Minister, a post he held in the coalition government formed after Norway's liberation and in the labour government after the general elections last October.

ARBITRATING TALENTS

Trygve Lie married in 1921. He has three daughters. A sports enthusiast, Lie until 1940 was president of the Norwegian Labour Sports Association. Like most Norwegians, he says of himself that he was "practically born with skis on." He likes hunting, and even to-day, his tennis is amazingly good.

Through his long experience as legal adviser to the Norwegian Trade Union's Federation, Lie was hailed for his talents as arbitrator. He had an alert mind and an intuition which his associates said, seems to enable him to know what a person is going to say almost before it is said. — Associated Press.

Iran Minister To Italy

Teheran, Jan. 29.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry yesterday announced the appointment of Fatah Fakhri, former Governor-General of Khorasan and one time Minister to Moscow, as Minister Plenipotentiary to Italy.

He will re-open the Iranian Legation in Rome, which had been closed since the beginning of the war.

An Imperial decree was also issued today confirming the appointment of Doctor Mir Hassan Inami, Teheran University professor and Moslem spiritual leader of Teheran. He succeeded his uncle, Mir Sayyid Mahmud Inami, who died last month. In his new post he will serve as spiritual leader of all Iran. — Associated Press.

STRAITS BLOCKED

Pearl Harbour, Jan. 29. Navy mines laid by Major-General Curtis Le May's B-29s are still blocking the Shimonoseki straits, Japan's vital artery to Korea and China. Fleet headquarters today announced.

The blockade is expected to continue until the mines are swept or become inoperative. The Navy did not say how long this might take. — Associated Press.

VON PAPEN FAMILY ORDERED OUT

Nuernberg, Jan. 29. The French military government, in the Saar on Monday, notified the 65-year-old wife and three unmarried daughters of Franz Von Papen that their family home will be confiscated and that they are to be expelled to the other side of the Rhine River, it was learned.

The Wallerstein estate of about 100 acres, near Saarbrücken was inherited by Papen's wife from her industrialist father and has been her sole financial support since Von Papen was captured by the United States army last year.

The Nuernberg defendant's wealth was frozen after his capture. Captain Franz Von Papen, junior, the Nazi diplomat's son, has requested permission to make a brief trip into the French zone. At present he is acting as his father's associate counsel, in preparing the defence case against the war crime charges, and is scheduled to be returned to the prisoners of war camp at the conclusion of the trial.

A French officer was reported to have delivered an oral notice to Mrs. Von Papen telling her that the entire estate would be taken over by the French within a few days. — Associated Press.

More Positive Line Expected

When the United Nations Security Council resumes on Wednesday its discussion of the Russo-Persian issue, a more positive line from the new Persian Government is expected and definite proposals that the two Governments continue to seek a solution by direct negotiations will probably be made.

At yesterday's meeting of the Council, the Soviet delegate M. Vyshinsky, pointed out that Persia's application to the U.N.O. was made by a government no longer in office, but the main point M. Vyshinsky made was his insistence that both countries are ready to proceed with direct negotiations.

The Russian view is that there is no ground for intervention by the Security Council at this stage since negotiations are still in train while Persia desires the Council to recommend the withdrawal of Soviet moral and material support from the rebels in the northern Persian province of Azerbaijan. — Reuters.

EAST WIND: RAIN

Washington, Jan. 29. Pearl Harbour investigators yesterday began searching for what some of them believe is the lost "winds" Japanese code message.

The "winds" message was a Tokyo arrangement to warn Japanese consular officers of the break with the United States by including the words "fast wind rain" in noon-time broadcast.

Whether the words were ever broadcast remains in dispute. — Associated Press.

FRANCE AND CHINA

Paris, Jan. 30. President Galt of France in a statement yesterday announced that the French Government had decided to support the Chinese Government in its fight against the Japanese.

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U.S. Strike Optimism

Washington, Jan. 30.

Reconversion Director John W. Snyder yesterday expressed high optimism over prospects of settling the steel, General Motors and other strikes in the United States.

He said, however, that his hopes were based on the recent trend toward "free collective bargaining" of settlements and commented "when you see customers of steel—Ford and Chrysler, for instance—getting ready to do business that's a hopeful sign."

General Motors and C.I.O. United Auto Workers agreed to resume wage negotiations but the United States Steel Corporation said it would need a price increase of very much more than \$4 a ton to grant striking steel-workers even 15 cents hourly which had already been offered.

Meanwhile, shortage of cattle shipments prevented the resumption of normal operations in Government-operated packing houses.

The number of persons idle in the labor dispute is about 1,500,000. — Associated Press.

Convenient Loss Of Memory

Manila, Jan. 30. Lieut-General Takeli Wachi, Chief-of-Staff of Lieut-General Masaharu Homma, today testified at the latter's trial that there were no cases of wilful atrocities against Allied prisoners of war in the Philippines.

General Wachi said he investigated prisoner treatment in 1943 after receiving a United States protest through the Swiss Government.

Wachi denied that Homma rode along the Bataan death march route and watched the prisoners bayoneted.

Under cross-examination, however, Wachi said "I don't remember" when asked about conditions at Camp O'Donnell in Santo Tomas. — Associated Press.

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DISARMAMENT PARLEY DEMANDED

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Iranian Negotiations With Russia

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Russian and Iranian representatives are expected to meet today to seek a solution to their dispute.

The new Iranian Premier, Salim, said at Teheran that he had sent instructions to the Iranian delegate at the U.N.O. to confer with the Soviet Vice-Commissar, Andrei Vishinsky, in an attempt to settle the dispute.

Meanwhile, delegates speculated whether the new Iranian Government, known to have more friendly relations with Russia, might agree to Vishinsky's suggestion that the United Nations Security Council postpone action on the Russian-Iranian controversy pending direct Moscow-Teheran negotiations.

Meanwhile, an agreement within 24 hours is expected on the selection of a Secretary-General for the U.N.O.

The appointment of a Secretary-General would leave only one major organizational problem for the London meeting—selection of the site in the United States as the permanent U.N.O. Headquarters. — Associated Press.

RAF Strike Wave Subsiding

London, Jan. 30. The wave of R.A.F. demonstration strikes which swept British air bases in the Middle and Far East last week subsided today and demonstrators returned to their duties on all but one field.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, yesterday told the House of Commons that he would make a statement on the strikes today.

Only at Cawnpore, R.A.F.'s biggest maintenance centre in India, were operations still at a halt, but the strikers there offered to return to work if their protests were given "full publicity" in Britain. — Associated Press.

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SYDNEY CLARKE—REX PAYNE &
ESME RAY LEVANTE

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Forced To Celebrate F.D.R. Death

Tokyo, Jan. 30. Charges that Japanese army captain Yuhichi Sakamoto, former commander of two prison camps, had forced American prisoners of war to attend and furnish entertainment at a Japanese party celebrating the death of President Roosevelt were refuted from Allied Headquarters' local section to the 8th Army, for trial before the Military Commission. Sakamoto is also accused of brutal atrocities by himself and men under his command. Charges of "cruel, inhuman and brutal atrocities" against Shimomaru Odachi were also announced. Odachi is charged with contributing to the deaths of four Americans by beatings and by refusing to issue Red Cross and other medical supplies.—Associated Press.

A COMEDOWN

Berlin, Jan. 30. Soviet authorities here yesterday announced that the great Leuna synthetic oil plant at Halle which is one of the Nazi industry's chief cores is producing bakelite powder now.—Associated Press.

RICE SMUGGLING

Tokyo, Jan. 30. General MacArthur today ordered the Japanese Government to take action to halt smuggling of food and other merchandise from Korea into Japan. Allied officials said they received reports that considerable rice was being smuggled into Kyushu and western Honshu.—Associated Press.

ORGANISED MOVEMENT

Bad Tölz, Germany, Jan. 30. A United States Third Army Intelligence report on infiltration of Polish Jews into the American occupation zone says the movement is financed and organized by Zionist groups within Poland. The report says the Jews believe that if Palestine is inaccessible, a Jewish state will be established in Bavaria.—Associated Press.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that all powers of attorney in effect December 25th, 1944, for the Colony of Hong Kong and its dependencies have been revoked and are considered null and void. Notice is further given that Mr. Ray R. Pearson and Mr. Edgar L. Hesser are now appointed under powers of attorney from our Head Office.

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Uno Adjourns Without Action

(New Lead U.N.O. Conference).

LONDON, Jan. 29.

THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED LAST NIGHT UNTIL WEDNESDAY WITHOUT TAKING ACTION ON IRAN'S CHARGES OF RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN HER INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AFTER A PROLONGED PRESENTATION OF THE RUSSIAN AND IRANIAN ARGUMENTS.

RUSSIA YESTERDAY CHALLENGED THE VALIDITY OF IRAN'S APPEAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AFTER IRAN'S CHIEF DELEGATE TO THE U.N.O. HAD CHARGED THE SOVIET UNION WITH INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF HIS COUNTRY.

Andre Vishinsky, blunt-spoken Vice-Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R., told the Council in its first major hearing on a political issue between sovereign states that the Iranian charges were "raised by a government no longer in power and the claims have not sufficient grounds" for action by the Council.

S. H. Taqizadeh, Iranian Ambassador to London, had declared that "there have been a number of interventions in Iranian affairs by Soviet Authorities" and in effect asked the Council to prevent any more of such actions.

"JUST AND FAIR"

In his speech, Vishinsky asked specifically that the Security Council "leave the matter aside and open for solution by negotiations by both parties." This, he said, "would be more than just and fair and would be in the spirit of good neighbourly relations."

Vishinsky said he wanted cordial relations with all nations and he declared his government had never refused to negotiate the Iranian difficulties with Tehran and that under the Charter this method was the first which should be applied in an international dispute. In the recent case, he said, there were no grounds on which the Council should concern itself.

"It is much too early," he declared, "to say that the parties to the dispute cannot come to terms between themselves. The refusal to continue negotiations came from the Iranian side and not from the Soviet side. We were and are prepared to continue these negotiations."

Taqizadeh was named chief of his delegation and Iran's first appeal to the Security Council was made under the Hakimi Teheran Government which was succeeded over the week-end by one led by Qavam es Sultaneh who said he would seek direct negotiations with Russia.

No announcement of new instructions was made by officials here though Sultaneh said he was sending them.

FOUR REQUESTS

Taqizadeh made four specific requests to the Security Council: (1)—That it recommend that the terms of the 1945 treaty with Russia providing for the withdrawal of troops from Iran be strictly adhered to. (2) That the Soviet authorities take no action in Iran contrary to the Teheran declaration made by the late President Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill, guaranteeing the independence of Iran. (3) That the Soviet authorities in

no way interfere with the Iranian forces. (4) That the Soviet withdraw all "moral and material support from the insurgent movement in the province of Azerbaijan. Meanwhile, the Greek Ambassador to Great Britain, T. Agnides, has filed with the Security Council a statement by the Greek Foreign Affairs Committee defending the presence of British troops in Greece.—Associated Press.

U.N.O.

Trusteeship

London, Jan. 29.

Although overshadowed by the momentous meeting of the U.N.O. Security Council, the committee work of the U.N.O. went steadily ahead today.

The meeting of the Trusteeship Committee was notable for the plea by the Indian delegate for mandatory powers to take immediate steps to bring their mandates under trusteeship. The peoples of Asia and Africa, he said, constituted more than half the world's population, and the manner in which the trusteeship section of the Charter was implemented would be the supreme test of the U.N.O.'s high ideals. The Trusteeship Committee had met to consider nine amendments to the words "States directly concerned" in connexion with mandated territory.

The committee's work is being considerably speeded up and the first half of the Assembly, now taking place in London, is expected to finish by Feb. 10. The Trusteeship Committee had met to consider nine amendments to the words "States directly concerned" in connexion with mandated territory.

Invitation To Attend Bomb Test

Washington, Jan. 30.

Secretary of State James Byrnes said today that President Truman has approved his proposal to invite the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission to witness bomb tests against naval ships.

Byrnes emphasised, however, that even with the President's approval his proposal should not yet be construed as a final Government policy on the subject. He indicated that War Secretary Robert Patterson and Navy Secretary James Forrestal are discussing the question of witnesses.

If Byrnes' recommendations are adopted it would mean that officials from Russia, Britain, France, China, Australia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Brazil, the Netherlands, Egypt and Canada would be on hand for the experiment this Spring off the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands.—Associated Press.

Manus May Go To U.S.

Sydney, Jan. 30.

A "Morning Herald" Canberra story published yesterday said the American and Australian governments are expected to discuss the transfer of Manus Island to the United States as a naval and air base.

The "Herald" said the "condition of granting Manus to the United States are expected to be that the U.N.O. should guarantee facilities for enforcing international security and that British ships should have the right to use it in an emergency."—Associated Press.

AIRMEN BURIED

San Francisco, Jan. 30. The bodies of the two Filipino fliers who were killed in a recent plane crash near the training base at Engi, Oklahoma, were yesterday buried with full military honours at San Bruno Cemetery here. The U.S. Army Oklahoma command said the funeral services for Major Harold J. Ferguson and Lieutenant Charles Lee were the first of their kind since the war. The bodies were flown from the Philippines to the States by a military plane.

JAP. LINES OF COMMUNICATION NO GOOD

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

A survey of Japanese communications—from radio to city mail delivery—convinces one that the Imperial Government was telling the truth when, after agreeing to surrender, it pleaded inability to promptly advise all field commanders.

At the time this appeared as "more stalling" but marvel is that it was accomplished so rapidly.

Service is now reported better than at the end of the war but even now six to seven hours is considered good time to move a telegram from Tokyo to Osaka—about the same distance as from New York to Washington. Delay to outlying sections is so great that all telegrams are mailed to Kyushu as the fastest way of delivering them.

Equipment generally is poor and worn out and operators are often inept. When you learn from an old resident of Tokyo that it sometimes takes ten days for a letter to be delivered inside the city and then shiver through an afternoon in dimly lighted, unheated rooms of an imposing communication centre there is no doubt that your mind will realise why the Japanese found it difficult to inform their outlying forces—even inside home islands—that Japan decided to surrender. Most efficient communication methods seem to be the pneumatic tube system connecting the Central Telegraph office with 13 buildings.—Associated Press.

Conservatives Unite In France

Paris, Jan. 29.

With the French National Constituent Assembly meeting today to hear the programme of the new Goulin Government, the formation of a new single Conservative Party called the "Republican Party of Liberty" has been announced.

The party is the first attempt to create organised opposition to the Communist-Socialist-Progressive Catholic coalition. It is believed that the Government has agreed in principle to the death penalty for certain black market offences.

The latest shock of French finances published yesterday indicates that France has reasonable prospect of averting a financial and currency crisis and that for at least a year the Treasury will have funds to pay for imports.—Routier.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP

Moscow, Jan. 29.

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, retiring British Ambassador to Moscow, now on his way to Japan, where he will help in seeking a solution of the Indonesian problem, in a farewell message published in the Russian language "British Ally", a weekly British newspaper in Moscow, says: "During the war, a friendship has been built up between our two peoples which will form a solid foundation for peaceful reconstruction in the years ahead."

"I wish to express my faith in the future of Anglo-Soviet relations and my confidence that the friendship between our two peoples will grow ever firmer."—Routier.

P.I. Attack Orders

Manila, Jan. 30.

Orders for the invasion of the Philippines were issued on Nov. 20, 1941, 18 days before the attack on Pearl Harbour, Col. Yoshio Nakajima testified yesterday at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Homma.

Nakajima also said the Japanese learned from a San Francisco broadcast on Dec. 28, 1941, that General MacArthur had declared Manila an open city two days previously. Some previous testimony in the trial attempted to establish that the bombing of Manila after it was declared an open city was due to lack of notification of the Japanese command.—Associated Press.

INDIES PLAN

Batavia, Jan. 30. Acting Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, Doctor Hubertus Van Mook, in a broadcast yesterday, stated that the Dutch Government had agreed upon a plan to create "a European and Asiatic community" in the Dutch East Indies through an Indonesian-Dutch partnership. Van Mook appealed to Dutch and Indonesian "to think and act with a constructive spirit."—Associated Press.

Yesterdays were Howard Schenck's partner and with neither side vulnerable, run held:

Mother Of Condemned G. I. Appeals To MacA

TOKYO, JAN. 30.

THE MOTHER OF CONDEMNED PVT. JOSEPH HICKWA PLEADED WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR TO RECOMMEND CLEMENCY FOR HER SON AND DECLARED THERE WERE FACTORS WHICH MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATHS OF THE TWO JAPANESE WHOM HE WAS CONVICTED OF STABBING FATALLY.

Mrs. Anne Hickwa told Allied Headquarters: "Torn away from home to serve his country at the age of 18 and taught to kill, having heard of many of his friends being killed, and under an emotional strain of delayed homecoming, are all factors to which might be attributed to some extent the cause for such abnormal conduct as is reportedly alleged in his case. 'Certainly they should be considered before an American soldier receives a death sentence.'"

General MacArthur replied that "final action is no longer within my prerogative" and assured her that circumstances which a "mother's love raises in the defense of your son will receive thoughtful consideration of those who sit in final judgement of this case."

Mrs. Hickwa wrote on Jan. 16: "I implore you to act immediately to request a review of the United States Army court martial proceedings under which my soldier son Joseph Hickwa was sentenced in Japan for the alleged fatal stabbing of two Japanese."—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

North and South were a trifle ambitious in their bidding, but the real Bridge crime took place during the play of the cards:

South, Dealer.		Neither side vulnerable.	
B. K 10 6	H. K Q 9 3	D. Q 9 5	C. 10 9 8
B. J 7 6 5 2	H. 8 4	D. 10 6 5	C. K 7 4
B. A 9 8	H. 10 6	D. A K 7 7	C. Q 7 6 3
B. 8 4	H. 5	D. 8 4 2	C. A 6 2

The bidding:	South	West	North	East
1D.	Pass	1H.	Pass	
1NT	Pass	2D.	Pass	
2NT	Pass	3NT	Dbl.	
	Pass	Pass	Pass	

West properly interpreted his partner's double as calling for the first suit bid by the dummy, so he opened the right of hearts. The Queen was played from the dummy, and East refused to win but encouraged a continuation by playing the seven of hearts. South ran his four diamonds, discarding a low club from dummy, and then led a low club from his hand. West put up the club King and returned the four of hearts, and East was able to take the Jack and Ace of hearts, after which he led still another heart. Dummy won with the heart King, but South could not win nine tricks without leading clubs again—and the moment East got in with the club Ace he cashed his last heart and thus set the contract.

Even a second-rate Bridge detective can see that the criminal must be South, but it takes a first-rater to spot the crime. See if you can do it before you read any further.

South's crime occurred at the very first trick! The double and the opening lead should have made it obvious that East had a long heart suit headed by both Ace and Jack, so nothing could be lost by playing one of dummy's low hearts at the first trick. East could take the Jack and Ace of hearts, but they could not both establish and cash the fifth heart.

The bidding:	Yon	Jacobs	Schenck	Miler
Y/S	Pass	2D.	Pass	
Y/S	Pass	3D.	Pass	
Y/S	Pass	4D.	Pass	
Y/S	Pass	5D.	Pass	

Yesterdays were Howard Schenck's partner and with neither side vulnerable, run held:

Supreme Court Still Pauses

Washington, Jan. 29.

The Supreme Court again failed yesterday to hand down a decision on the appeal of Japanese General Yamashita from his death sentence for atrocities committed by Japanese troops in the Philippines.

Monday is the court's day for announcing decisions. Arguments were held on the case on January 7 and 8. Yamashita contested the authority of the American military tribunal which tried him in Manila. He is held in prison in Manila.—Associated Press.

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Charged with demanding \$500
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by force on Dec. 10, at No. 444
Nathan Road, Wong Wing-ling,
Probationer-Chinese Sub-judge,
appeared before Mr. W. H.
Latimer yesterday. No plea was
taken and C.D.I. Fraser asked
for seven days remand.
Bail was fixed at \$500 of which
\$250 was in cash.

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NOTICE

In view of the approaching
Chinese New Year, it is hereby
notified that the Chief Civil
Affairs Officer has given permis-
sion for fireworks, not being
unlawful fireworks, to be kindled,
if discharged or let off within the
Colony within the times set out
below:

From 4 p.m. Friday, 1st
February, 1946
to 4 p.m. Monday, 3rd
February, 1946

and
From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on
Friday, 8th of February, 1946
(i.e. the seventh day of the
New Year)

subject to the exceptions, pro-
hibitions and restrictions set out
hereunder:

(1) No burning fireworks or
other fire shall be thrown
above the head, or near any
person or inflammable material,
and every reasonable precau-
tion must be taken against
accident.

(2) The kindling, discharge or
letting off of fireworks in or in
the vicinity of places of Chris-
tian Worship during Divine
Services is prohibited.

(3) The firing of Bombs,
"Electric" crackers and "Golden
Coin" crackers is strictly
prohibited.

Occupiers of premises are
warned as to their liability under
the Summary Offences Ordinance,
1932, in particular in respect of
any unlawful firing or throwing
of fireworks at, on or from their
premises.

C. H. SANSON,
Commissioner of Police.

Interesting
Trophy

A trophy is now displayed in
the show-window of Francis Wu's
Studio, Gloucester Arcade.
It is the award won by the
Photographic Society of Hong-
kong in the Camera Craft Annual
Competition of 1941, one of the
most important awards in the
photographic world, competed for
by camera clubs in the United
States and all parts of the world
in open competition.

After the fall of Hongkong,
Dr. Greaves, one of the Society's
members, who managed to get
away in 1943, applied to the
Camera Craft for the cup (which
had not yet been received by the
Photographic Society of Hong-
kong) and brought it back with
him to be presented when the
Society is once more functioning.

Friends of the Photographic
Society will recall that an Inter-
national Salon had been organized
and was on the point of opening
an exhibition at the time of the
outbreak of hostilities. The pic-
tures received to form the Salon
were fortunately rescued and pre-
served by Mr. Francis Wu, a
council member of the Society.

Dr. A. V. Greaves was Pre-
sident and Kenneth A. Watson
was the Hon. Secretary. The
Salon Committee were: Francis
Wu, F.R.P.S., A.P.S.A., Major
R. L. Berridge, R.E. Capt. W. C.
Clark, A.R.P.S., Robert A. Bates,
H. A. McKay, E. O'Neill-Shaw, H.
L. Decker. It is hoped that the
Salon will be held belatedly this
spring or early summer. The pic-
tures represent the artistic efforts
of prominent photographers of
America, Australia and the Far
East and is of a very high stand-
ard indeed. It should not be
missed by anyone interested in
pictorial photography.

Lenient
View Taken

Three Chinese, including an
official of the Po On Government,
were found guilty of possession of
a Mauser pistol and 19 rounds of
ammunition without a permit by
Mr. Latimer yesterday.

Constable Peter Chan testified
that he and three others searched
the three accused and found the
pistol on the first, Chan Ngai
Kwong. A licence found on first
accused was issued by the Chinese
Government to one Lo-Tai-Wing,
brother of the second accused, Lo
Wai-King.

Ip Tai Wing told the Court that
he went to Canton on Jan. 3, and
left the pistol and licence in the
care of his brother. He had no
idea that his brother would trans-
fer the pistol to another person or
bring it to British territory.

Mr. Smith asked for a lenient
view to be taken and said that he
was satisfied if a warning was
given the third accused and fines
imposed on the first and second
accused.

Taking into consideration the
fact that all three had been in
prison over three weeks, Mr.
Latimer acquitted the third ac-
cused, Chau Lun and fined the first
and second accused each \$100.

GOLD WEAKENS

Yesterday morning gold opened
at \$545 per tael, but the market
weakened in the course of the day
and at the close it had dropped to
\$536.

Chinese national currency opened
weak at HK\$1.72 to CN\$1,000,
and fell to \$5.00 at the close.
American dollars strengthened to
\$6.25 buyers and English
Sterling was bought at \$18.40.
Australian pound notes have
dropped to \$12.30.

"MANXMAN" PARTY

About 170 Chinese orphans and
other children were entertained to
a party on board the minesweeper,
H.M.S. "Manxman", yesterday
afternoon.

Most of the children, whose ages
ranged from 3 to 16, were from
the French Convent School,
Causeway Bay. They were in the
care of Miss Reid and Miss Lam-
pugn of the British Red Cross and
Sister Henry of the Convent
School.

SERVICES QUIZ

The first of the Services "Quiz"
Competitions over Z.B.W. will be
held on Saturday between H.M.S.
Comet and H.M.N.Z.S. Achilles.
Comet will be represented by
L.M. Cooper, Cdr. Wright, A.B.
Stokes and A.B. Hall and Achilles
by E.R.A. Twine, A.B. Evans, Cdr.
Kayes and Tel. Niven.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 30.
Ben Hogan, professional from
Horshey, Pennsylvania, shot a
three under par 68 yesterday to
win the 18-hole playoff in the
Phoenix open golf tournament.
He defeated Herman Kessler of
Akron, Ohio, after they had
tied at 278 for the regular 72-
hole competition. Hogan's title
was worth \$2,000 and Kessler's
was \$1,000.

Sonja's Suit

Chicago, Jan. 30.
Sonja Henie, the well-
known skating star, yester-
day filed a suit of divorce
against Daniel E. Topping,
millionaire New York sports-
man, on charge of desertion.
She married him on July
4, 1940, it being her first mar-
riage and his third.—Asso-
ciated Press.

Hotel Loses Claim

Holding that enough evidence
had been produced to satisfy the
Tribunal that there was more than
the mere acceptance by the appli-
cants of rent from opponents dur-
ing the Japanese occupation, the
Tenancy Tribunal yesterday dis-
missed the application of the
Great China Hotel, Ltd., for re-
covery of premises at Nos. 237-239,
Des Voeux Road Central.

The opponents named in the
application were the Tai Chung
Wah Sheung Hong.
Members of the Tribunal were
Messrs. George She, Tung Chung-
wai and Li Tans, Mr. E. S. C.
Brooke represented applicant while
Mr. Y. K. Kan was for opponents.
The Tribunal dismissed the
application on two findings, that
applicant had accepted opponents
as sub-tenants during the occupa-
tion and that after the re-occupy-
ment applicants failed to comply
with the requirements of Article
3 of the Proclamation.

Z.B.W. STUDIO TALK

A special item in to-night's pro-
gramme from Z.B.W. is a talk by
Capt. C. Gwinner, D.S.O. (4 bars),
D.S.C., who for five years took
part in the Battle of the Atlantic,
which began only when Germany
was defeated. For the last 18
months of the war Capt. Gwinner
commanded the First Escort
Group which guarded the convoys
that crossed the Atlantic. His
group was responsible for sinking
a number of German submarines
in that most vital battle which
Britain won—"The Battle of the
Atlantic". Capt. Gwinner's talk
will be given from the Studio to-
night at 8.00 p.m.

HOLIDAY SOFTBALL

(By "Onlooker")
The double-header softball exhibi-
tion games held their curtain-
raiser this Saturday—Chinese
New Year's Day, at 10 a.m. sharp.
Chief Lelia "Nightingale"
Xavier's "Pin-Up Gals" clashing
with the Glamour Gals "The Wild-
cats", followed by U.S.S. Los
Angeles against the Colony All
Stars in the men's fracas.

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well, well, it's going to be a swell
"softball vacation," so be there if
you want to be in the excitement.

The Wildcats will have to
sharpen their claws led by
Captain Doris Mar Lum, who is
assisted by others of the rough-
riding Mar clan—Lily, Gloria and
Virginia—together with Ella
Chinn, Thema Collico, Dolly
Brown, E. Babida, Irene Castilho,
Irene Castro, Patsy Ribeiro, Cy-
nthia da Motta, Sheila Sequoia,
Patsy Ozorio and Helena Ribeiro.
Arbitrators will be E. A. Evans
(left), Binkins and "Lefty"
Mendonca (bases).

The U.S.S. Los Angeles—Col-
ony All Stars' tussle is certain
to provide excellent fare.

The following players have
been selected to represent the
Colony All Stars:

"Doc" Molthan (Manager) Nip
Lum, or Capone Ruffian (catch-
er), Jack Brown or Leo Tavaris
(pitcher), Coffee Baker or Stan
Leonard (1st. Base), Arthur
Ozorio (2nd. Base), Dave Leonard
or Benny Omar (3rd. Base),
Tony, Alvie or Wally Ching
(short-stop), Jerry Gosano or All
(left-field), M. Xavier or Johnny
Fonseca (centre-field), A. V. Go-
sano (right-field), Bertie Gosano
(short-field).

The line-up of the U.S.S. Los
Angeles team is not yet known.

SUNDAY'S FIXTURES
The following league games are
down for decision on Sunday at
Recreio ground, King's Park.
Chung Hwa vs. Way Books
9.30 a.m. sharp.
Umpires: Robbins (plate),
Evins and Binkinson (bases).
Medana vs. H.K. Baseball Club
—10.00 a.m.
Umpires: Lumsden, Omar
(plate), Binkinson and "Lefty"
Mendonca (bases).

CENTRAL VENUES

Refused
Fortune
For Dog

London, Jan. 30.
Leslie Hamilton of Newport
must surely be the only man in
Britain who has refused £4,000
for a dog. That is one of the
many tempting offers he has re-
ceived for "Shaggy Lass", win-
ner of the Welsh Derby and
Puppy Oaks, and possibly the
best bitch puppy that greyhound
racing has ever known.

After trying unsuccessfully
for ten years to breed a cham-
pion, Mr. Hamilton decided that
the only way to get one was to
buy one. When his friend, Mr.
Brendan Barry phoned from
Ireland one night to say he had
seen the "best bitch ever," Mr.
Hamilton bought it and over-
came this flying youngster.

Owners with open cheques
have been following Mr. Hamil-
ton round the country, trying to
tempt him to part with "Shaggy
Lass." Four thousand pounds
is the highest bid so far, but
her owner has refused them all.
"Fido in owning such a grey-
hound has prevented me from
accepting," he said. So far, the
highest price given for a grey-
hound is £2,500. "Magic Boho-
man" changed hands for that.

All being well, "Shaggy Lass"
will go far this year's Derby,
and Mr. Hamilton is hoping
that she will follow in the steps
of "Greta Rance"—the only
bitch that has ever won the pre-
mier greyhound classic.—Reu-
ter.

SAM ALLEN DEAD

Swindon, Jan. 30.
Sam Allen, Swindon Town so-
cretary for the last 48 years,
has died aged 78. He has been
associated with the club for
over 50 years. For some years
Mr. Allen was one of the Third
Division representatives of the
Football League Management
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F.A. CUP.

London, Jan. 30.
Fourth Round Football Asso-
ciation Cup, return matches re-
sults: Bury 5 Sunderland 4
(Bury eliminated), Villa 9 Mid-
wall 1 (Millwall eliminated),
Sheffield United 3 Stoke 2 (Shef-
field eliminated).—Reuter.

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Seats \$3.00 (including tax)

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PARLIAMENTARY ARGUMENT

Coal "Skull And Crossbone Methods"

M.P.'s Camp Out During Debate

Capetown, Jan. 30. The Union of South Africa Assembly to-day resumed its debate on the Government by 83 votes to 43 after a six-day debate on a non-confidence motion in the Government introduced by Dr. Daniel Francois Malan, leader of the chief opposition Nationalist Party.

The vote ended after a 27 hours and 38 minutes continuous session in which members not actually in the debating chamber camped out on mattresses in the gymnasium.

Members of the Dominion and Labour Parties, who recently ended their wartime alliance with the United Party in the Coalition Government, abstained from voting.—Associated Press.

New Navy Envisaged

Washington, Jan. 30. Rear-Admiral Harold G. Bowen, head of the United States Navy Office of Research and Invention, says that in ten years attempts along atomic era lines may produce a Navy radically different even in appearance from the current Navy.

The Research Office will inquire into everything relating through science and industry to the Navy striking forces above or under the sea.

In field research Rear-Admiral Bowen says three subjects must be explored: atomic energy for propulsion, countercurrents for the atomic bomb, and atomic power and a probe into scientific phases for guided V-weapons and supersonic speed for aircraft.—Associated Press.

False Issues

Seoul, Jan. 30. Lieut-General John R. Hodge, Commander-in-Chief of the American Forces in Korea, yesterday issued a statement to the Korean people charging certain political leaders with disturbing them on false issues and attempting "to gain personal power and advantage."

General Hodge urged Koreans to examine their leaders' policies and activities. It was no secret to the American authorities in southern Korea that the blame for the Jan. 18/19 riots on anti-trusteeship was propaganda instigated by the Kim Koo Provisional Government, the statement said.

The Hodge statement pleaded for Korean support of the Moscow trusteeship decision.—Associated Press.

NEW DUTCH PLAN

Batavia, Jan. 30. Dr. Hubertus van Mook, Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, will convey the 15-point plan, which he has brought with him from Holland, to Dr. Sutan Sharir, Indonesian "Prime Minister" in the first week in February, immediately when Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British envoy to Java, arrives.

The plan—details of which are secret—was outlined at the Dutch-British conference at the British Prime Minister's private home at Chequers last month. It represents the considered policy of the Dutch Government and was approved by the Dutch Parliament.—Reuter.

MORGAN VINDICATED

Washington, Jan. 30. Mr. Herbert Lehman, Director-General of the U.N.R.R.A., yesterday announced he has decided to return Lieut-General Sir Frederick Morgan to his duty as Chief of the U.N.R.R.A. operations in Germany.

The U.N.R.R.A. demanded Morgan's resignation after he had charged on Jan. 2 that a secret Jewish organization was promoting the exodus of Jews from Poland to the American zone in Germany.—Associated Press.

TOKYO QUAKE

Tokyo, Jan. 30. An earthquake of about 12 seconds' duration, jolted Tokyo at 8.40 a.m. to-day. It awoke many sleepers but no damage was reported.—Associated Press.

Markets Bid

Birmingham, Jan. 30. Mr. Leopold S. Amery, ex-Secretary of State for India, yesterday asserted that "American industry in all its phases is obsessed with the idea of conquering every market in the world."

"They are out to capture aviation, sea transport and finance."—Associated Press.

Emperor System Still Popular

Tokyo, Jan. 30. The belief that 90 per cent of the people would support the Emperor system if it came to a nationwide vote was expressed to-day by Doctor Tatsukichi Minobe, one of Japan's foremost authorities on the constitution.

The aged doctor, who was forced to resign as professor of the Imperial University by the militarists when he opposed them, said he believed the Emperor should retain his position "as the centre of the State."

While conceding that the Emperor system had flared into a controversial issue, Minobe said people may as well go to a plebiscite to have a showdown on the question.—Associated Press.

Jap. Elections

Tokyo, Jan. 30. The Jiji press to-day quoted "Mainichi" as predicting the number of candidates for the Jan. 31 general elections probably will exceed 1,000.

"Mainichi" was quoted as saying that the progressive party, largest in the last Diet, has sustained the severest blow as a result of the Allied Headquarters' political purge directive. The paper said that the liberal party is making considerable headway on the political front as a result of the confusion in the progressive party and added that the directive has also benefited the social, democratic and communist parties.

"Mainichi" credited the social democratic party as having the most favourable position with a good chance of emerging as the largest majority party after the elections.—Associated Press.

DUTRA PLEDGE

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 30. General Eurico Gaspar Dutra who is being inaugurated as Brazil's 16th President on Thursday promised the head of the Conservative Government he would dedicate himself to internal development while preserving the nation's traditional cooperative foreign policy.

Dutra said he and his followers "in serving our country shall not destroy its traditions but will exercise the right to vote and liberty of thought to achieve continued progress with the mandate from the people."

Many believe Brazil will become more of a Parliamentary than a Presidential government under Dutra should he be backed by former President Getulio Vargas who has been elected to the Senate.—Associated Press.

CHILEAN SHOWDOWN

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 30. The Chilean Cabinet was to-day reshuffled as the Government prepared for a showdown with labour. Mounted troops patrolled the streets.

The Government has ordered soldiers to report to barracks and stand by.

Two Cabinet changes but military men in new posts of authority.—Associated Press.

FRENCH POLICY

Paris, Jan. 30. President Felix Gouin told the Constituent Assembly that his foreign policy envisaged "a grand tripartite accord between Russia, England, and France."

In his inaugural address, Gouin also outlined a more extensive programme of nationalisation, taking in business, banks, part of the merchant navy, mines, insurance companies, electricity and gas utilities.—Associated Press.

ATHENS, JAN. 30.

Constantin Rendi was yesterday sworn in as Foreign Minister in the Greek Cabinet after being appointed to succeed John S. Karamanolis who left the government in a dispute with the government.—Associated Press.

Tory Attack On Government

LONDON, JAN. 30. CHARGING PRIVATE ENTERPRISE PARTISANS WITH SEEKING TO "PRESERVE THE SKULL AND CROSSBONE METHODS OF THE COAL INDUSTRY," BRITAIN'S FUEL AND POWER MINISTER, EMMANUEL SHINWELL, TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT NOTHING BUT STATE OWNERSHIP OF THE PITS COULD RAISE THE NATION'S FALLING COAL OUTPUT.

HIS REMARKS OPENED A PARLIAMENTARY ARGUMENT ON THE FIRST BILL IN A PROGRAMME TO CONVERT THE COUNTRY FROM PRIVATE ECONOMY TO SOCIALISM.

The Italian Treaty

Washington, Jan. 30. United States Secretary of State James F. Byrnes at a news conference declared that the peace treaty with Italy would be the first business of the deputy Foreign Ministers Conference.

He said that the deputy commission appointed by the four big powers to investigate the Italy-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste would leave London shortly, and that the Commission's findings will be considered in the final Italian peace draft.

Byrnes disclosed that the United States War Department had agreed to carry on as the occupying authority in Germany, rather than give way to the State Department. He said President Truman had agreed that the Department of State was a policy-making body, and not equipped to handle German administrative affairs.

He denied reports that American ships have tried to arms to the Franco Government, via Italy to Barcelona. He said no arms had been authorised for sale to Spain and no transport for such sales had been authorised. No U.S. ships had called on Spain from Italy or anywhere else.—Associated Press.

Six-Day Debate Ends

Capetown, Jan. 30. At a sitting lasting 27½ hours—the longest in the history of the South African Parliament—the Assembly this afternoon defeated the motion of "no confidence" in the Government of General Jan Smuts by 83 votes to 43.

The whole debate on the motion introduced by Dr. Malan, leader of the Nationalist opposition party, lasted six days.

The Labour Party amendment, urging the abolition of the profit system was defeated by 123 votes to 11, the Nationalists voting with the Government.

The Labour Party did not vote in the division on Dr. Malan's motion and the Dominion Party did not vote in either division.

Winding up the debate on the motion of "no confidence," the Finance Minister Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr (United Party) said that it was proposed to adjust the Government's wartime taxation system to changed circumstances.—Reuter.

Chungking Hitch

Chungking, Jan. 30. The Political Consultative Conference to-day stalled on the Government re-organisation and National Assembly make-up.

The Chinese Communists and Democratic League representatives balked the government proposal of advancing the creation of Ministries without portfolios, in the Executive Yuan and the offering of seven or eight such posts to other parties and non-partisans.

Objectors to this plan proposed that other parties and non-partisans should head half the present ministries.

The Committee dealing with the composition of the National Assembly heard the Democratic League representative say his group would not object if delegates chosen before the war retained their seats if they were openly labelled as Kuomintang delegates.—Associated Press.

SHOULD BE SECRET

Washington, Jan. 30. The House Naval Committee yesterday moved to have the United States Navy keep the results of its studies on the Pacific secret from the public.

Chairman Carl Vinson, who is a strong supporter of the Navy, said the committee had decided to keep the results of its studies on the Pacific secret from the public.—Associated Press.

The Final Chapter

London, Jan. 30. Mr. John Heasley, Australian Resident Minister in London, declared at a press conference this afternoon that the attitude of the Australian Government in regard to the enquiry into the fall of Singapore was not for the holding of post-mortems but rather to profit by experience.

The final chapter was that the Japanese had been kicked.—Reuter.

Election Of Lie

London, Jan. 30. The nomination of Torvald Lie to the post of Secretary General of the U.N.O. last only one of the major problems to be decided by the United Nations Assembly, election of a site in the United States for the permanent home of the world peace agency.

Meeting secretly the Security Council was in session only about half an hour. Lie was unanimously selected after a secret ballot.

Edward Statinius was said by the delegates to have placed Lie's case before the Council to the five major powers on the Council which had agreed on Monday to support Lie.

It was reported that at an informal meeting on Monday, Vice-Commodore Andrei Vishinsky announced that the U.S.S.R. was willing to withdraw its support from either the Yugoslav Ambassador Simic or Foreign Minister Wincenty Rykowski of Poland.—Associated Press.

BRITAIN'S ATOM RESEARCH

London, Jan. 30. Prime Minister Atlee told the House of Commons to-day that a special department in the Ministry of Supply has been set up to gather materials for atom-splitting research.

The Prime Minister said that Dr. J. D. Cockcroft, one of Britain's authorities on nuclear physics, now in Canada as director of the Empire's atomic energy plant, would head the new research laboratory, establishment of which was announced in October.

The special department of supply, he added, would be headed by Lord Portal, R.A.F. Marshal.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, Jan. 30. The Japanese Cabinet to-day set March 31 as the date of the first general election under the new constitution. It will mark the first time that men under 25 and women are permitted to vote.—Associated Press.

Americans Add To Jap. Folk-Lore

(By Russell Brines).

TOKYO, JAN. 30. ALMOST EVERY VILLAGE VISITED BY GIS IN JAPAN HAS ITS STORY OF A GNARLED SHOPKEEPER BOWING OVER A HUMBLE GIFT OFFERED TO A SOLDIER "IN FRIENDSHIP." JAPAN'S FOLK-LORE IS GROWING VIRILE ON TALES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO HAVE SAVED CHILDREN FROM DEATH AT THEIR OWN RISK.

Everywhere the commonplace signmark of New Japan is the interlocked arms of strolling Americans and Japanese girls.

Fraternisation is no longer a horrible word or a seriously debated issue here. It is accepted for good or evil because nothing can stop it. It sprang from something deeper than a soldier's loneliness or Japanese poverty.

Pushbutton emotions seemed to predominate in this bloody war and when it ended hatred was first to be drained from a majority of conquerors and conquered alike. A G. I. straining for a swift return home could not continue war against people who greeted him like a liberator.

To-day, what little restraint there is regarding fraternisation comes principally from artificial checkings of language and psychological differences and among the Americans, general realisation that permanent relations are impractical between the east and the west.—Associated Press.

Show-Down Near

Washington, Jan. 30. Efforts to halt the United States' two severest strikes, the nation-wide steel tie-up and the 70-day General Motors Corporation walk-out, neared the showdown stage on Tuesday.

In Detroit, definite action before the end of the week was predicted by James Dewey, special mediator between the Federal Workers Union and the General Motors Corporation.

An official in Washington said that he also expects the strike to end within this week. The conclusion of these two disputes would send nearly 1,000,000 of the nation's 1,300,000 workers back to work.

Government spokesmen declared that steelmakers should be given most deliveries to the country's war effort.

They said, however, that it was too early to predict the effect the end of the steel strike would have on the process of armaments.—Associated Press.

BORDER TROUBLE

Batavia, Jan. 30. British artillery engaged 2,000 Indonesians near Soerabaya when they found that a bridge had been blown up. It was officially stated here to-day.

One hundred and eighty-one mortars with crews were captured and a large quantity of ammunition destroyed.

A British lorry was damaged by a mine and two soldiers were wounded. Two Indian soldiers were killed in the same area when a patrol was fired on by Indonesians. In another area a patrol engaged 60 Indonesians armed with machine-guns. One soldier was killed.—Reuter.

STORY OF DEATH RIDE IN GERMANY

NUERNBERG, JAN. 30. A NORWEGIAN SURVIVOR TOLD THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL HERE YESTERDAY OF A DEATH RIDE ACROSS GERMANY DURING WHICH MORE THAN 1,400 CONCENTRATION CAMP VICTIMS WERE KICKED FROM OPEN RAILWAY CARS.

TESTIFYING AGAINST 23 HIGH-RANKING NAZIS, HANS CAPPELON, AN OSLO ATTORNEY, SAID THE GERMANS TORTURED HIM OFTEN DURING HIS 25 MONTHS CONFINEMENT AT OSLO.

Francois Boix, a French veteran of the Spanish civil war, testified that only 30 of 2,000 Russians sent to one concentration camp survived their treatment at the hands of the Germans.

A 45-year-old laboratory secretary, Alfred Balachowsky, testified that Nazi S.S. doctors sacrificed hundreds of prisoners as human "guinea pigs" in long-chance experiments.

A Russian by birth but a naturalised Frenchman and one-time secretary in the Pasteur Institute in Paris, Balachowsky said he saw and handled the case histories of numb "patients" in Buchenwald's notorious "block 50" and "block 46."

The prisoners were used in experiments against typhus and phosphorous burns, which were nearly always fatal, he said. Experiments also were conducted in sexual hormones.

From 1942 to 1945, at least 600 persons, mostly Russians, were fatally inoculated with typhus by the Germans in order to maintain 12 strains of the disease among the inmates for further experiments. Russians usually were chosen because the Nazis had a high regard for their physical resistance.

NO SURVIVORS

Charging that "these men were murdered," Balachowsky described how in August, 1944, the Nazis tested the relative value of various typhus serums by taking 150 prisoners and inoculating 75 with serums and the other 75 injections without serum.

Fifteen days later the 75 uninoculated persons died," he said. "The others died in varying lengths of time, according to the type of serum used. The Nazis found polch serum best."

The witness said there never were any survivors from these experiments.

"Anyone who lived through was liquidated by an intercardinal phenol injection," he said.

The Hugo I. G. Farben industrial plant cooperated in the trial of various chemical "cures" for typhus, the witness said, and furnished medicines for the tests at Buchenwald.—Associated Press.

Harry Hopkins Dead

New York, Jan. 30. Harry L. Hopkins, who rose from national obscurity to become one of the most intimate advisors of the late President Roosevelt and a resident of the White House, died late yesterday at the age of 56.

Hopkins, who bore the title of special assistant to President Roosevelt, entered the New York Memorial Hospital last November. He long had suffered from a stomach ailment.

A hospital report shortly before his death that his condition was "serious but not critical" did not indicate the cause of the turn for the worse.

Hopkins was a New York state welfare worker before President Roosevelt first brought him into public prominence as head of the national work relief programs during the critical depression years. Later he became a close advisor of the President, accompanied him to many major conferences and served in the role of special personal envoy for the President.—Associated Press.

STRIKES LATEST

Pittsburg, Jan. 30. According to a survey by manufacturers and union leaders if the strike continues another month over 1,750,000 persons will be out of work.

At present 750,000 steel workers are on strike. Over 41,000 railroad workers, miners and steel fabricators have laid off since the strike began.

An early lay-off of 950,000 has been predicted in Mohkhan, Ohio, Missouri and Connecticut unless the strike is settled.—Associated Press.

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RADIO

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STUDIO—TALK BY CAPT. C. GWINNER, D.S.O. & BAR, D.B.C., R.N.
ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 64 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 8.30 to 9.30 p.m., 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.52 Megacycles.
B.K.T., 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra and Bing Crosby (Vocal).
1.00 p.m.—News & announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Al-Bollington (Organ) and Garry Moore (Piano).
1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.—EN34
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.
2.45 p.m.—"Services Music Box"—EN34
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
7.15 p.m.—"Ivor Fye"—The Singing Sailor.—EN34
7.30 p.m.—Studio—Hal Lorrans at the Piano.
7.50 p.m.—R.A.F. Fighter Command Band.—EN34
8.00 p.m.—Studio—Talk by Capt. C. Gwinner, D.S.O. & BAR, D.B.C., R.N.—"Battle of the Atlantic".
8.30 p.m.—"Variety"—with Fred Emney, Florence Desmond, Tony Martin and Others.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
9.05 p.m.—Irene Dunne (Soprano) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.
9.35 p.m.—"Musical Magazine"—EN34
10.05 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections with Paul Robinson (Sax).
10.30 p.m.—"The Enthusiast"—(Scene 11).
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.
Programme for Friday, January 31st, 1940, will be broadcast on the B.B.C. Service at 11.00 p.m.